

Red River Prospector.

RED RIVER, - - NEW MEXICO.

Budapest, Hungary, has fifty churches in which divine service is conducted in twelve different languages.

A farmer in Addison, Me., has a sheep which this year yielded two fleeces, one black as ink, and the other as white as snow.

Russian engineers are experimenting with a military kite which will, it is hoped, prove useful for recommending reconnoitering purposes.

The metric system of weights and measures was adopted by France in 1790, by Holland in 1816, by Belgium in 1820, and by Sweden in 1889.

A three-wheeled cab has made its appearance in London. The third wheel runs in front of the passenger and is to save him from accident should the horse fall.

The best-lighted street in the world is the famous thoroughfare of Berlin, Unter-den-Linden. It is illuminated by three lines of electric lights, which are separated by two lines of linden trees.

The Alaska Indians have a violin closely resembling in form the primitive instrument of the same kind used among the Persians and Turks. It has two strings and is played with a small bow.

As a rule, the men whom men draw and the women whom women deplete are nearer the truth, for it is a blessed law of nature that men and women shall view one another through the eyes of the imagination.

An eccentric Ohio man made his own coffin five years ago, and when he died the other day it took considerable muscular persuasion to get his increased girth into the box. It was done, however, and two men sat on the coffin lid on the way to the grave, at the expressed wish of the dead man.

Red-headed Indians are very rare. One of them, belonging to the Passamaquoddy tribe's reservation at Pleasant Point, near Eastport, Me., recently died there, aged 69. His name was Soplei Haney, and all through his life he was shunned by the other members of his tribe because of his bright red hair.

Covington, Ga., has furnished a new boy preacher, Metz Joiner, 9 years of age, who lately held one of the largest congregations ever seen in the town enraptured for thirty minutes. After he had finished his sermon, several ladies ran up to kiss him, but he told them not to worship him, but the one of whom he was preaching.

The cousins of Menzo Shaul, of Herkimer, N. Y., are coming into existence with the fecundity of rabbits all over the country. He died recently, leaving \$21,000 to be divided among his third cousins, meaning, as he expressed it, "the children of those persons related to me as cousins." There are already 370 persons, from various parts of the United States, who have sent in their claims to the estate.

If the present plans of the board of appraisers appointed by the Probate Court of Canton, Ohio, to estimate the value of the McKinley estate are carried out, Mrs. McKinley will be granted an allowance of \$5,000 annually to pay her living expenses. The estimated value of the estate submitted by the administrators is \$210,000, of which sum \$70,000 is in real estate and \$140,000 in personal property.

James Farrell of Barboursville, W. Va., recently celebrated the 105th anniversary of his birth. He is now possibly the oldest man in the United States. Mr. Farrell served in the war of 1812 and later was in Mexico under Jefferson Davis. When the war between the states broke out he enlisted, although no longer a young man, and saw four years of service. He was probably the oldest veteran to offer his services to the government when the Spanish war broke out.

There died at Vienna the other day a woman who claimed to be the champion man-hater of the world. This was her boast during her lifetime, and as yet her title stands undisputed. She decreed in her will that no male persons should have anything to do with her burying. She must be laid out, preached over, and carried to the cemetery by women, a woman must shovel earth on the box other women had nailed her up in, and her grave-stone must be chiseled by a woman's hand. During the funeral procession, however, a hard wind made it impossible for one of the flagbearers to hold her burden, and a man was called for help.

Hasty judgment of the actions of others is dangerous and often unjust. We measure too much by some superficial appearance, and condemn hastily, when, if we knew all and understood the motives and reasons, we should warmly approve.

Some of the dwellings in Honolulu have lights on the outside as well as in the rooms. Electric lamps are set in the masonry of the walls, thereby throwing a reflection on the lawns, where the residents spend most of their nights.

JOURNEYS WITH MOTHER'S ASHES



MISS BLANCHE WALSH.

Miss Blanche Walsh, the accomplished actress, who has passed through the singular experience of losing the ashes of her mother and then regaining the beloved treasure after having given up all hope of its recovery, has, as may be imagined, many of the eccentricities of genius. Among them is the odd conceit of carrying with her the remains of her maternal ancestor, preserved in a neat little bag. It was at a way station between

Des Moines and Burlington that she missed the treasured receptacle. She had lunched in a station restaurant and had forgotten the little bag, which she had placed beside her plate at table. On discovery of her loss the train was stopped and her maid was sent back for the bag. Before the curtain was rung up at Burlington the tragedienne was once more in possession of her mother's remains, and hence quite able to appear.

KIDNAP THEIR WIVES.

Time has wrought but few changes in the manners and customs of the people of the Caucasus, and modern ways are making but slow progress. One of the relics of the good old times to which the Caucasians especially cling is the custom of kidnapping the women whom they desire to make their wives. Recently a case of this kind resulted in a tragic end. A prominent inhabitant of the little Caucasian town of Katuhagan, named Ismail Ogil Oki tried to kidnap the sister of his best friend's wife while his friend was absent from home. The girl resisted his attempt to carry her off, aided by her married sister. The baffled lover drew his sword and inflicted dangerous wounds on both the ladies. At this moment his friend returned and, enraged at finding what had occurred, killed Ismail on the spot. Then he cut off Ismail's head and carried it round to show the neighbors what a fearful revenge he had taken. In the same district a young nobleman desired to marry the daughter of a neighboring land owner, and invited the girl with her parents to a grand ball given at his castle. During the evening he found an opportunity of decoying the girl into a secluded part of the house, where she was seized by his men and placed in a carriage. The prince joined her and in spite of the girl's entreaties started out to drive to a place where they could be married without much delay. The girl's father, on finding that his host had disappeared with his daughter, gave

chase and, being on horseback, overtook the carriage. He shot the nobleman without ado and took his daughter home. The nobleman, however, had won her heart during the drive and the girl was now reluctant to marry the man of whom her father approved, but the stern parent insisted on the wedding taking place at once. The bride appeared in the church pale, but cool and collected. During the ceremony she drew a dagger and stabbed the bridegroom to the heart. Afterward she committed suicide.—Chicago Chronicle.

STRATFORD'S MOP FAIR.

The old town of Stratford-on-Avon, says the London Mail, does not forget its boast that it has the only statute fair which carries on its rites exactly as they have been observed through many centuries. Therefore, it takes care each year that the Mop Fair shall lose none of its wonted traditions. Five oxen and twelve pigs were slaughtered for this year's "mop." Each one was roasted in the street before a huge fire burning in a temporary brick oven. Each one as it was cooked was cut up into slices and sold for 6d. and 8d. a plate. The slices were sold as quickly as cut, and all save the carcass was demolished before 2 o'clock on Saturday had struck. A pig was roasted outside the house of William Shakespeare, but otherwise his street was almost deserted. It is too far from the center of the fair. Special trains from all parts of the country poured in hun-

dreds of visitors into the quiet old market town, and hundreds more drove in in market carts, wagons, costermongers' carts and even in victorias and landaus. Up to a few years ago men stood in rows in the street waiting to be hired. Laborers with whipcord in their buttonholes waited for hours till they found an employer. Now few come for the purpose. The days of the "hiring" are over.

PROHIBITION WINS IN CANADA.

The legal fight which liquor men have fought for the past three years against Manitoba's prohibition laws has ended in a victory for prohibition. Three years ago the Manitoba legislature passed a prohibitory law which forbade the sale or gift of liquor from one party to another. The liquor men held that this was ultra vires, as such laws should only be passed by the dominion parliament. Pending the legal fight all temperance legislation has been at a standstill. The dominant party in every province and territory except Quebec and British Columbia is pledged to prohibition if the Manitoba acts were sustained. The other day the unanimous decision of the privy council as cabled from London is that a province has absolute control in prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors.

CEASES TO BIND HER FEET.

Much interest has been caused by the statement of Miss Wu Chon Ching, the adopted daughter of Minister Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese minister to America, who is now in Washington, that she intends to cease binding her feet into "golden lilies" as is the custom and that when she takes her place again at the head of society in Peking she will do all that may be done to cause her sisters to do the same. The



MISS WU CHON CHING.
(Adopted daughter of Minister Wu Ting-fang, who is adopting Reform ideas.)

reform ideas are rapidly spreading in China, but there is still a strong feeling against their entire adoption.

MAY RIVAL PADEREWSKI



JOSEF HOFMANN.

Josef Hofmann, the young pianist who has lately been attracting unusual attention from the musical critics, is now in his early twenties and at the critical point in his career. Thirteen years ago, Josef, then a little boy of wonderfully sweet disposition, who could not speak a word of English, set the music loving public of America on fire with his marvelous genius for playing on the pianoforte. He was a prodigy with the promise of becoming a Rubenstein, and his tour through the United States was something of a succession of triumphs. Emotional men and women who heard him perform wept with the joy of it, and great things were predicted for his future. Mr. Hofmann since that time has learned many things besides music. He now speaks fluently in half a dozen languages, among them English, French, German and Polish. He has developed a rich, deep voice, with a touch of the bass in it. His hobby is mechanical invention, and not unnaturally his favorite novelist is Jules Verne.

President Thwing of Western Reserve University recently asked Professor Goldwin Smith to fill a lecture-ship in American history in Western Reserve University this year. Professor Smith, in a brief note, replied: "My lecturing days are over."

Minister Conger will soon be the only foreign minister in Peking who passed through the siege, and will then become the doyen of the diplomatic corps. All the other ministers have been relieved or expect to leave Peking.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE

FALSE REPORTS ABOUT QUEEN.

Queen Draga of Servia, who was falsely reported to have been shot at or slain by an assassin, has been the center of much strife and the cause of much popular dissatisfaction since her marriage on August 5, 1900, with young King Alexander. She is ten years older than her royal husband and was formerly a lady in waiting to Queen Natalie, Alexander's mother. Now she has been plotting the downfall of this woman that has replaced her on



QUEEN DRAGA OF SERVIA.
The Servian throne. Draga is a Russian colonel's daughter and is 35 years old.

SELF-DISCIPLINE.

The method of maintaining discipline in the state prison at Folsom, Cal., is declared to be very successful. There are no dungeons or dark cells, and none of the old modes of punishment are recognized in this institution. When a new prisoner is received he is informed that they have three different bills of fare in the prison, and that it is optional with each man as to how well he lives. If he is industrious, orderly, well-behaved and in all things conforms strictly to the rules of the prison, he is served with excellent food, nicely cooked. He can have chops, steaks, eggs, tea and coffee, milk and white bread. If he is only fairly well-behaved and does not do his allotted task properly, he is inclined to growl and grumble at the regulations of the institution, he is given ordinary prison fare, mush and molasses, soup and corn bread; and if he is ugly and insubordinate he is permitted to feast on unlimited quantities of cold water and a rather small allowance of bread. There is said to be an intense rivalry among the convicts to enter the first class, and once there it is very seldom that one of them has to be sent back to a lower class.—Detroit Free Press.

JAPAN INDEBTED TO AMERICA.

Dr. G. Mitsukuri, the imperial historian of Japan, was at the Auditorium Annex, Chicago, the other day. He is returning to Tokio after years of research in Berlin, London, Rome and Washington, to write the history of his country. In that history he will give America credit for the renaissance of Japan, and he will make Commodore Perry the first father of modern Japan. Dr. Mitsukuri for two years has been searching in the British museum and in the vatican library. In the latter he discovered a forgotten letter of a mikado of Japan to Pope Paul V., dated in the early part of the seventeenth century, and asking for more Franciscan missionaries for Japan.

BOER FRIEND'S ELECTION.

The victory of Col. Arthur Lynch in the parliamentary contest in Galway, Ireland, where he was opposed by Horace Plunkett, unionist, alarms conservative circles of England. The prospect of a colonel in the Boer army asserting his rights to a seat in parliament, his probable arrest when he sets foot on the soil of Great Britain



COLONEL ARTHUR LYNCH.
A far from pleasing. He is colonel of the second Irish brigade in the Boer army. He is an Australian by birth, an author and journalist, and once before ran for parliament in Ireland, where he has had his residence for some years.

Leg Amputated at Age of 95.
Ira Campbell, nearly 95 years old, a resident of Glen Ridge, N. J., has just had his leg amputated, going through the operation with composure and refusing to take anesthetics. His foot was injured some time ago and danger of blood-poisoning made amputation necessary.

RICH MEN'S MECCA.

Millionaires are flocking into New York City.

Millionaires are flocking to New York from Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco and other cities, says the Sunday World. All along Fifth avenue new buildings are being constructed by "outsider" moneyed men. These new millionaire arrivals who are not building residences are renting houses from old New Yorkers.

Among the latest additions to the ranks of New York's wealthy class are the Drexels of Philadelphia. John H. Drexel has rented the Frederick W. Vanderbilt mansion, corner of Fifth avenue and Fortieth street.

Other important millionaire invaders are Andrew Carnegie, the Crockers of San Francisco, Senator Clark of Montana, Charles Tyson Yerkes of Chicago, Clarence H. Mackay, the Dalys, the Huntingtons, the Moores, the Chisholms, the Proctors, the Moores and the Reids.

Senator Clark is a great lover of art. In the Clark gallery of paintings are more masterpieces than in the gallery of any other man in America with the exception of W. K. Vanderbilt. Mr. Clark has agents constantly in most of the European capitals looking out for bargains in pictures. The Clark mansion now being built will cost nearly \$2,000,000. It will be one of the finest residences in America. It is to have a private theater, every detail of which will be perfect. Mr. Clark's hall of sculpture will vie with that of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Thrown from His Car and Killed.

The following is a most interesting and, in one respect, pathetic tale:—Mr. J. Pope, 47 Ferrar Road, Streatham, England, said:

"Yes, poor chap, he is gone, dead—horse bolted, thrown off his seat on his cab he was driving and killed—poor chap, and a good sort, too, mate. It was him, you see, who gave me the half-bottle of St. Jacobs Oil that made a new man of me. 'Twas like this: me and Bowman were great friends. Some gentleman had given him a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil which had done him a lot of good; he only used half the bottle, and remembering that I had been a martyr to rheumatism and aches for years, that I had literally tried everything, had doctors, and all without benefit, I became discouraged, and looked upon it that there was no help for me. Well," said Pope, "you may not believe me, for it is a miracle, but before I had used the contents of the half-bottle of St. Jacobs Oil which poor Bowman gave me, I was a well man. There it is, you see, after years of pain, after using remedies, oils, embrocations, horse liniments, and spent money on doctors without getting any better, I was completely cured in a few days. I bought another bottle, thinking the pain might come back, but it did not, so I gave the bottle away to a friend who had a lame back. I can't speak too highly of this wonderful pain-killer."

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